

State of Illinois
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate
93rd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 1754, entitled "AN ACT creating the Western Illinois Economic Development Authority", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 6, line 2, by replacing "23" with "17"; and

on page 6, by replacing lines 9 through 14 with the following:

“(2) Public members. Fifteen members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each county within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority shall be represented by at least one member. All”; and

on page 6, line 24, by replacing "Twelve" with "Eight"; and

on page 6, by replacing lines 26 and 27 with the following:

“annually by the Board.”; and

on page 6, by replacing line 30 with the following:

“Of the 15 original public members appointed pursuant to subsection (b), 3 shall serve until the third Monday in January, 2005; 3 shall serve until the third Monday in January, 2006; 3 shall serve until the third Monday in January, 2007; 3 shall serve until the third Monday in January, 2008; and 3 shall serve until the third Monday in January, 2009. All successors to these original public members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, pursuant to subsection (b), and shall hold office for a term of 6 years commencing the third Monday in January of the year in which their term commences, except in the case of an appointment to fill a vacancy. Vacancies occurring among the public members shall be filled”; and

on page 7, by replacing lines 10 through 13 with the following:

“malfeasance in office.”; and

by replacing lines 31 through 34 on page 7 and lines 1 through 29 on page 8 with the following:

“the Illinois Finance Authority, attorneys, appraisers, engineers, accountants, credit analysts, and other consultants if the Western Illinois Economic Development Authority deems it advisable.

Section 25. Duty. All official acts of the Authority shall require the approval of at least 8 members. It shall”; and

on page 9, by replacing line 13 with the following

“(3) to utilize services of the Illinois Finance Authority necessary to”.

With these changes, Senate Bill 1754 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor